

# XCEL Points

For Leadership Success

Campus Center and Student Activities Department

## Advisor Facts

### What Does An Advisor Do?

An advisor should be a person that:

1. Members of an organization trust
2. Has an interest in the organization and its activities
3. Acts as a resource to officers or general members
4. Serves as a mediator if conflicts arise within the organization
5. Is consulted when the organization is considering making changes that will impact the group

### Things To Tell Your Advisor:

- A change in officers
- Big events for the organization
- When new members join
- If you are thinking about making changes to the constitution
- If you are planning a new event
- If there is a meeting you want them to attend
- Any issues troubling the organization
- Financial needs/spending of the organization

### Need A New Advisor?

There are many reasons that an organization may need a new advisor. An advisor must be a faculty or staff member of WPI and should be a good fit for the organization and be able to provide the amount of time necessary to be an advisor.

There are several things to look for when searching for a new advisor:

- A strong belief or interest in the organization
- A positive role model for the organization
- The willingness and ability to invest his or her time and expertise in the organization
- An interest in developing leaders in the organization
- The ability to encourage/motivate others
- The desire to help students
- An interest in the personal growth and development of members outside of the boundaries of the organization

